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Draft decision on background documentation

1. The Preparatory Committee decides to invite the Secretary-General to prepare documentation, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference.

2. The following general approach should apply to the proposed documentation and papers (similar to the approach applied for the preparation of background documentation for the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the 2000 Review Conference): all papers must give balanced, objective and factual descriptions of the relevant developments, be as short as possible and be easily readable. They must refrain from presenting value judgments. Rather than presenting collections of statements, they should reflect agreements reached, actual unilateral and multilateral measures taken, understandings adopted, formal proposals for agreements made and important political developments directly related to any of the foregoing. The papers should focus on the period since the 2005 Review Conference, including implementation of the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference.

3. The Preparatory Committee requests that the following be made available to the 2010 Review Conference:

(a) Documentation prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, with a view to realizing the objectives of the resolution;

(b) Documentation prepared by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) regarding its activities relevant to the implementation of the Treaty;

(c) A memorandum from the General Secretariat of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) regarding its activities;

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(d) A memorandum from the secretariat of the South Pacific Forum regarding its activities related to the South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone Treaty;

(e) A memorandum from the secretariat of the African Union regarding its activities related to the African Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty;

(f) A memorandum from the depositary of the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone regarding its activities related to the Treaty;

(g) A memorandum from the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia regarding its activities related to the Treaty;

(h) A memorandum from Mongolia regarding the consolidation of its international security and nuclear-weapon-free status.